

Rules and Regulations

Of

**Toyota Mekong
Club Championship
2015 Competition**

**Toyota Mekong Club Championship
Organizing Committee**

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PREAMBLE

The Toyota Mekong Club Championship 2015 Organization Committee (hereinafter TMCCOC) stages the Toyota Mekong Club Championship 2015 (hereinafter TMCC2015) once every year.

The TMCC 2015 consists of three stages:

- a) The Competition Round 1 (hereinafter Round 1);
- b) The Competition Round 2 (hereinafter Round 2); and
- c) The Competition Round 3 (hereinafter: Round 3).

The Schedule of the Competition is as follows:

Round 1:	1 November, 2015	Laos vs Cambodia (Venue: Laos)
	22 November, 2015	Myanmar vs Laos (Venue: Myanmar)
	29 November, 2015	Cambodia vs Myanmar (Venue: Cambodia)
Round 2:	6 December, 2015	Vietnam vs winner or R1 (Venue: Vietnam)
Round 3:	20 December, 2015	Thailand vs Winner of R2 (Venue: Thailand)

The Regulations of TMCC 2015 (hereinafter Regulations) control the rights, duties and responsibilities of all officials and parties participating in and involved with the preparation, organization and hosting of the Competition.

This Regulations form an integral part of the Host Association Agreement (hereinafter the HAA).

This Regulation and all TMCC directives, decisions, guidelines and circulars that are valid at the time of application shall be binding for all officials and parties participating in and involved with the preparation, organization and hosting of the Competition.

In case of conflicts between this Regulation and other above-mentioned TMCC documents, this Regulation shall prevail.

This Regulation will be agreed in the Technical Workshop on 23 June in Singapore and approved by TMCCOC in Bangkok on July 7, 2015.

Once the Regulation is approved by TMCCOC, TMCCOC will send the Regulation to the AFC and FIFA to have the Regulation and the Tournament sanctioned by the AFC and FIFA.

Article 1: Events Designation and Rights Owner

- 1.1 The official designations of the Competition shall be 'Toyota Mekong Club Championship 2015'.
- 1.2 TMCCOC is an organization comprised from the following members with the objective of supervising and managing TMCC smoothly;
 - 2 Representatives from each Participating Associations
 - 2 Representative from Toyota
 - 1 Representative each from Delphys-Hakuhodo International and Dentsu Singapore.
- 1.3 TMCCOC is the original owner of all of the commercial rights originating and associated with the Competition and any other related events coming under its jurisdiction without any restrictions as to content, time or place. TMCCOC's rights of commercial exploitation include, among others, all types of advertising, audiovisual (video and radio recording), broadcasting, concession, financial, hospitality, travel and tour, image, marketing, multimedia, promotional, sponsorship and copyright and licensing rights (such as those pertaining to emblems and other forms of branding).
- 1.4 TMCCOC is the exclusive owner of all intellectual property rights of the competition, including any current or future rights in all audio and visual (with or without audio) material of the competition, TMCCOC's names, logos, brands, music, medals, plaques and trophies. Any use of the aforementioned rights requires the prior written approval of TMCCOC and must comply with any conditions imposed by TMCCOC.
- 1.5 All rights to the fixture list and match schedule, as well as any data and statistics collected by TMCCOC (including databases in which such data is stored) in relation to the matches of and players' participation in the competition are the sole and exclusive property of TMCCOC. No tickets or accreditation may be used by anyone in order to gain access to a venue for the purposes of collecting or gathering such data, and such activities are expressly prohibited. The foregoing prohibition does not apply to the participating associations such that any and all such data collected may be used solely for the purposes of instructing their team, players and officials.
- 1.6 All rights of and/or relating to the Competition that are not granted by this Regulation or other agreement to party participating in or involved in the preparation for and/or organization of the Competition shall belong to TMCCOC.

Article 2: Organizing Association

- 2.1 The TMCCOC has planned to host a match in each countries of the Participating Associations and has designated each Participating Associations as the Organizing Associations (hereinafter OAs) of the Competition for the matches hosted in the respective countries. TMCC Secretariat on behalf of TMCCOC shall sign the HAA with each OAs for the preparations for hosting and staging of the Competition.
- 2.2 Participating Associations which will host the matches for the TMOCC are Football Federation of Cambodia, Lao Football Federation, Myanmar Football Federation, the Football Association of Thailand and Vietnam Football Federation
- 2.3 The Organizing Associations shall be subject to the supervision and control of TMCC and TMCCOC shall have the controlling authority on all matters relevant to the Competition. The decisions of TMCCOC are final and not subject to appeal.
- 2.4 The Organizing Associations undertakes to observe the TMCCOC regulations, directives, decisions, guidelines, circulars as well as any agreement reached between TMCC Secretariat and the Organizing Association, including the HAA.

- 2.5 The Organizing Associations are responsible in ensuring that the visiting teams (accredited players and officials), TMCCOC delegates (including its VIPs, officials, guests, secretariat members and match officials) and accredited media personnel are accorded the necessary visas for the entry into its country to participate in the Competition. The ticket holders who are not a citizen of the hosting countries and /or are residents outside the hosting countries shall apply for their visas at the respective Counsel Offices of respective Embassies across the world.
- 2.6 The Organizing Associations are responsible for obtaining guarantees for TMCCOC from relevant authorities of Governments over taxes exemption, security measures and protection of commercials rights of TMCC partners.
- 2.7 The Organizing Associations are responsible for any taxes, fees, duties and any other costs pertaining to the custom clearance of TMCC's sports and operational equipment, merchandise and/or goods that will to be used for the Competition and be delivered to the Host City from abroad.
- 2.8 The Organizing Associations are responsible for signing agreements with the owners and/or operators of all the venues (including the Stadium, Training Grounds, Hotels, Offices, etc.) to ensure all the TMCC requirements of the venues and its facilities are satisfactorily fulfilled.
- 2.9 The Organizing Associations are responsible for provision of all sports equipment necessary to host the international match.
- 2.10 The Organizing Associations shall hold harmless and discharge TMCCOC from all responsibilities and relinquish any claim against TMCCOC and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organization and course of the Competition.
- 2.11 The Organizing Associations shall ensure that any decision taken by the TMCCOC relating to its duties and responsibilities is enforced immediately.

Article 3: Participating Associations

- 3.1 The Participating Associations to the Competition (hereafter PAs) are Football Federation of Cambodia, Lao Football Federation, Myanmar Football Federation, the Football Association of Thailand and Vietnam Football Federation.
- 3.2 Each PA shall send its winner of their National or Club League for 2015 for the respective matches of the Competition.

Article 4: Entries for the Competition

- 4.1 The PAs are responsible to ensure that the signed original and official Entry Forms and the Participating Team Agreements for the Competition reach the TMCC Secretariat by post or fax and its scanned copy emailed to the TMCC Secretariat no later than forty-five (45) days before the commencement of each matches. If the above-mentioned full and valid documentation from a PA does not reach the TMCC Secretariat by forty five (45) days before the commencement of the each match in the respective stages, the participation of the Participating Association and its club team be cancelled.
- 4.2 Each of the PAs shall ensure, as a condition of its participation in the Competition that every member of its delegation(s) (players and officials) and anyone carrying out its duties on its behalf, complies with the participating team agreement and TMCC regulations, directives, guidelines, circulars and decisions in force.

- 4.3 On entering the Competition, the PAs and their players, officials and anyone carrying out a duty on its behalf, shall also undertake to:
- a) comply with the Laws of the Games, TMCC regulations, directives, decisions, circulars and guidelines unless this Regulations stipulate otherwise.
 - b) apply for visa in good time from the diplomatic mission of the Organizing Country if necessary;
 - c) provide sufficient insurance to cover their delegation against all personal risks, including but not limited to injury, accident and disease as well as all property risks;
 - d) arrival at the host city two days before their team's match and departure from the host city one day after their team's last match and shall pay for any and all costs for extending their stay;
 - e) attend the Match Coordination Meeting one day before the match, the pre-match official press conference one day before the match, the post-match official press conference, the flash interview, the mixed zone and other official activities organized by TMCCOC/ TMCC Secretariat and the Organizing Association;
 - f) observe the principle of Fair Play;
 - g) participate in all matches of the Competition in which their team is scheduled to take part;
 - h) field its strongest team roster for each and every match;
 - i) accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters related to the Competition shall be dealt with by TMCCOC in compliance with the relevant TMCC regulations, directives, decisions, circulars and guidelines;
 - j) accept all the arrangements made by the Organizing Association in agreement with TMCC;
 - k) ensure the conduct and behaviors of the PA and their supporters at the host city comply with TMCC regulation, directives, guidelines, circulars and decisions and the requirements by the Host Association, in particular the orders at the stadium(s), the Team's Hotels and the training grounds;
 - l) agree to and consent to the commercial exploitation of the rights and uses and/or sublicenses established by TMCCOC, as well as the recording and broadcast of the images, names and records of players, officials, supporters and those of PAs that may appear in connection with the Competition ;
 - m) cooperate with TMCCOC at any time - and in particular at the end of matches - in the collection of items from the game and players' personal items that could be used by TMCCOC to create a memorabilia collection to illustrate the heritage of the competition, to the exclusion of any commercial use;
 - n) indemnify, defend and hold TMCCOC and its subsidiaries and all of their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents and other auxiliary persons free and harmless against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, claims, actions, fines and expenses (including reasonable legal expenses) of whatsoever kind or nature resulting from, arising out of, or attributable to any non-compliance by the PA or any of its players, officials, employees, representatives or agents with this Regulation and other TMCC provisions;
 - o) not represent TMCCOC or the TMCC without TMCCOC's prior written approval;

Article 5: Registration of players and officials

- 5.1 The registration of participating players and officials consists of three stages as:
- a) provisional registration;
 - b) final registration; and
 - c) issuing of accreditation cards.
- 5.2 Each PA shall send its provisional registration package (hereinafter the Provisional List) to the Host Organizing Association and the TMCC Secretariat. The whole package of the provisional registration documents shall be originally signed by the General Secretary of the PAs and stamped by the PA. Both the original package to be sent via couriers and its scanned copies to be emailed shall reach the Host Organizing Association and the scanned copies to be copied to the TMCC Secretariat no later than thirty (30) days before the commencement of the Competition. They must contain the followings:
- a) a list of twenty five (25) players. The list shall indicate the full surname, all first names, full mid names (if applicable), name on the shirt, passport number, Nationality, place and date of birth, height, weight, position, name and country of the current club, of each player. If a PA fails to register a minimum of eighteen (18) players by the deadline of the provisional registration, it shall be considered to have withdrawal from the Competition.
 - b) a list of a maximum of eight (8) officials. The list shall indicate the full surname, full first name, full mid names (if applicable), passport number, nationality, place and date of birth, designation, passport number of each official;
 - c) one passport-size colored photos (taken within 3 months prior to the submission of the registration) for each player and each official;
 - d) a scanned and colored copy of the main page of the valid passport of each player and official (group passports will not be accepted);
- 5.3 TMCCOC will fine a PA ten thousand US dollars (\$10,000) if no receipt of or receipt of incomplete or invalid documents of the provisional registration package from the PA later than thirty (30) days but not later than twenty (20) days prior to the commencement of the agreed match day in the Competition. If the complete and valid PA's provisional registration package doesn't reach the Host Organizing Association and TMCC Secretariat twenty (20) days prior to the commence of the agreed match day of the Competition, the PA is considered as having withdrawn from the Competition and the relevant actions and sanctions according to Article 17 of this Regulation will be applicable.
- 5.4 Each PA shall then be required to provide the Host Organizing Association and TMCC Secretariat with a final registration list of a maximum of eighteen (18) players (with maximum of 5 foreign players) and a maximum of eight(8) officials (hereinafter the Final List). The Final List is limited to the players and the officials on the Provisional List. The Final List must be submitted by the PAs to the Host Organizing Association and TMCC Secretariat at the Match Coordination meeting 1day prior to the commencement of the agreed match day of the Competition. If a PA fails to register a minimum of fifteen (15) players, it shall be considered to have withdrawal from the Competition.
- 5.5 The Final List of players (showing the full last name(s), all first names, all mid names, name on shirt, number on the shirt, playing position, place and data of birth, passport number, Nationality, name and country of the club, height and weight shall be submitted to the Host Organizing Association and TMCC Secretariat using the official form for this purpose. The

number on the back of the shirts shall correspond with the numbers indicated on the final list. Only these 18 players (except in cases of force majeure recognized by TMCCOC) shall be permitted to compete in the Competition.

- 5.6 The Host Organizing Association will produce accreditation cards for each player and official based on the info provided at the Final List. The accreditation cards will only be handed over to each PA after checking of the original passports against the info in the Final List and satisfying with the accuracy of the info between the two documents by TMCC Match Commissioners at the Match Coordination Meeting taking place 24 hours prior to the first match of the PAs concerned.

Article 6: Eligibility of players

- 6.1 A player is eligible to play in the Competition provided he is duly registered with TMCCOC according to Article 5 of these Regulations by the PAs;
- 6.2 A player is deemed ineligible to play in the Competition provided one of the following conditions is met:
- a) violation of Art. 5 of this Regulation;
 - b) playing despite being served a suspension; or
 - c) official registration document(s) submitted is/are false.
- 6.3 It is each PA's responsibility to ensure that all players and officials registered and/or fielded are eligible to play and monitor the cautions and/or suspensions.
- 6.4 The TMCC Secretariat will not investigate the eligibility of players unless an inquiry or complaint is raised by a PA. TMCC Secretariat will decide questions of player eligibility. In the event of disputes, the TMCCOC takes a final decision.
- 6.5 Any team that is found guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall forfeit the match in question. Victory and the resultant three points shall be awarded to the opposing team as well by the score of 3-0(or greater), depending on the score of the match. The TMCCOC is the competent body to decide in this regard.

Article 7: Training Grounds

- 7.1 The Organizing Association shall provide the participating teams with official training grounds (hereafter: Training Grounds), in excellent condition and situated within one-hour drive distance from the teams' Hotels.
- 7.2 The Organizing Association shall guarantee that the size, the markings, the turf quality, the turf cutting pattern and the height of the cut at the playing areas of each of the training grounds should be as same as those at the stadiums for the official matches.
- 7.3 The Organizing Association shall ensure each of the training grounds equipped with at least one changing room with at least three showers with hot water, three toilets and chairs or benches for twenty six (26) persons.
- 7.4 The Organizing Association shall also ensure that each of the training grounds is equipped with floodlight at a minimum of 700 lux for trainings at evening or nights.
- 7.5 The Organizing Association shall ensure that each of the training grounds during the teams' training sessions and training activities, shall be at least visually blocked and secured from viewing and interfering by the public, the competing team and anyone not invited by the Team in training. Those accredited media can only stay for the first fifteen (15) minutes of the official training sessions at one of training grounds of the match stadium, if the official training sessions cannot take place at the field of play of the match stadium.
- 7.6 The training grounds shall be available and free of any and all commercial activities and identifications and branding, e.g. boards and signage other than those of TMCC's Commercial Affiliates, from at least two (2) days prior to the first match till the days after the match.

Article 8: Training Arrangement

- 8.1 Each of the teams is entitled to an official public training session of a sixty-(60)-minute duration at the match stadium, one (1) day prior to their match. The Organizing Association must prepare the Field of Play to the match-condition for the official training sessions. The Host OA after consultation with TMCC Secretariat will communicate the schedule for this and ensure fairness of both teams. PAs shall not exploit any commercial rights in relation to such public training sessions. Should a team wish to close its training session to the media, it shall, as a minimum, open the session for the first fifteen (15) minutes. The Organizing Association shall ensure the order of the training, that no media interviews are conducted and security of the training sessions at the match stadium.
- 8.2 Depending on the weather and the pitch conditions, The Host OA in consultation with TMCC Secretariat may reduce the time of the official training session or instruct the teams to use one of the training grounds affiliated instead of the match stadium for the official training sessions. If the Teams are not allowed to use the match stadium for training, each of the participating teams is allowed to inspect prior to their first match the field of play of and the dressing rooms of the match stadium wearing training shoes only. The Host OA after consultation with TMCC Secretariat will communicate the schedule for each team.
- 8.3 The schedule of other training activities for each Team before and after the commencement of the agreed match day of the Competition will be decided by the Host OA in consultation the TMCC Secretariat.
- 8.4 The teams participating in the Competition shall use only the training grounds that have been officially designated for training by the Host OA in consultation with TMCC Secretariat.
- 8.5 Match Officials are entitled to use the training grounds. The Host OA in consultation with TMCC

Secretariat will plan their training schedules to avoid clashing with the teams' training sessions and other training arrangements. The Host OA shall provide necessary facilities and security for their training sessions.

- 8.6 On match days, the teams shall be entitled to warm up on the pitch of the match stadium before the match, if the weather and the pitch condition permit. If the pitch conditions and/or weather do not permit the teams to warm up or if the warm-up would negatively affect the state of the pitch for the match, the Host OA in consultation with TMCC Secretariat may shorten or cancel the warm-up sessions on the pitch and direct the teams to utilize one of the official training grounds affiliated to the stadium for the warm-up sessions.
- 8.7 Only those players and officials carrying their personal TMCC accreditation cards can access the training grounds and the field of play and the dressing rooms of the match stadium.

Article 9: Competition system

- 9.1 TMCCOC shall decide the match fixture for the Competition.
- 9.2 The system of play for the Competition of TMCC 2015 shall be a round robin league system in Round 1 and a knock-out format for Round 2 and 3.
- 9.3 In Competition Round 1, each team playing one (1) match against each of other teams, with three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw and none for a defeat.
Away goal will be adopted
The team with the highest points will proceed to Round 2.
- 9.4 If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above criteria for Round 1, their rankings shall be determined in sequence as follows:
- a) greater number of points obtained in the matches of the Competition among the teams concerned;
 - b) superior goal difference resulting from the matches of the Competition among the teams concerned;
 - c) greater number of goals scored in the matches of the Competition among the teams concerned;
 - d) if, after having applied criteria a) to c), teams still have an equal ranking, criteria a) to c) are reapplied exclusively to the matches between the teams in question to determine their final rankings. If this procedure does not lead to a decision, criteria e) to g) apply;
 - e) superior goal difference in all the matches of the Competition;
 - f) higher number of goals scored in all the matches of the Competition;
 - g) fair play conduct in the Competition as defined below:

Each team will receive points for receiving red and yellow cards as indicated below:

- a) Each yellow card (1 point)
- b) Each red card as a consequence of two yellow cards (3 points)
- c) Each direct red card (3 points)
- d) Each yellow card followed by a direct red card (4 points)

The team receiving the least number of points will be ranked the highest.

- 9.5 Round 2 and 3 will be conducted in knock-out format. In case of tie result after normal playing time (90 minutes), the penalty kicks will be carried out to decide the winner (the extra time is not applied). The winner of Round 2 will proceed to Round 3.
- 9.6 The winner of Competition Round 3 will be the winner of the TMCC. In case of tie result after normal playing time (90 minutes), the penalty kicks will be carried out to decide the winner (the extra time is not applied).

Article 10: Competition schedule

- 10.1 All matches shall be played according to the dates, stadium and kick-off times as set and agreed by TMCCOC set forth in Preamble.
- 10.2 All matches shall be played under floodlight.
- 10.3 Each Team shall arrive at the host city two (2) days prior to their match and depart one (1) day after their match.

Article 11: Laws of the Game

- 11.1 All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game (version 2015-2016) as set out by the International Football Association Board. In case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall be control.
- 11.2 Each match shall last ninety (90) minutes, comprising two periods of forty-five (45) minutes with an interval of fifteen (15) minutes maximum in between from the whistle ending the first period to the whistle starting the second period.
- 11.3 At the end of the two periods of normal playing time (45 and 90 minutes), the referee shall indicate to the fourth official, orally or by gesturing with his/her hands, the number of minutes that he/she has decided to allow for time lost. Each allowance for time lost shall be shown on the panels or electronic display boards of the fourth official.

Article 12: Equipment and Football

- 12.1 The PAs shall comply with this Regulation and other TMCCOC provisions in force in term of their sports equipment.
- 12.2 The display of political, religious, commercial or personal messages, images or slogans in any language or form by players or officials on their playing or team kits, equipment (including kit bags, beverage containers, medial bags etc.) or body is prohibited, from their arrival at till the departure from the host city, at any controlled access areas, including but not limited to the stadium(s), the training grounds, the places for media activities and any venue for TMCC official functions.
- 12.3 Each team shall inform TMCC Secretariat on behalf of TMCCOC two different and contrasting uniform colors (one predominately dark and one predominately light) for its official and reserve team kit (shirt, shorts and socks). In addition, each team shall select two contrasting colors for the goalkeepers.
- 12.4 Players shall wear registered numbers on their jerseys (back and front) and shorts as follows:
 - a) Numbers on jerseys, in contrasting colors, shall be between twenty-five (25) cm and thirty-five (35) cm in height in the center of the back of the shirt, between ten (10) cm and fifteen (15) cm in height on the front of the shirt in any position at chest level, and between ten (10) cm and fifteen (15) cm in height in any position on the front of either leg of the shorts;

- b) There will be no limitation on the numbers used on the Jersey so long as the number corresponds to the number on the provisional and final list submitted; and
 - c) The players' surname, popular name or abbreviation shall be shown in a contrasting color on the back of their shirts above the number (7.5 cm in height).
- 12.5 Any team found guilty of allowing players to play in jerseys with numbers other than those in the Final Registration List shall be subject to disciplinary actions, including fines.
- 12.6 Each team shall submit a sample of the full official and reserve team kits (shirts, shorts, socks, all three goalkeepers' kits, gloves, caps, wristbands, headbands and captain armband etc.) intended for use during the Competition, to the TMCC Secretariat not later than 60 days prior to commencement of the agreed match day of the Competition for inspection and approval.
- 12.7 Only those colors and equipment approved by TMCC Secretariat may be worn at the matches.
- 12.8 TMCC Secretariat on behalf of TMCCOC will inform the teams of the colors that they shall wear for each match. As far as possible, each team shall wear its official colors. If the two teams' colors and the match officials' colors might cause confusion, in principle, team A in the official match schedule shall be entitled to wear its official team kit and team B shall use its reserve team kit or if necessary, both teams may have to wear a combination of their official and reserve team kits. TMCC Secretariat's decision on the choice of the colors is final, binding and not subject to appeal.
- 12.9 Teams are obliged to bring along their first and second colors (including those of the goalkeepers) to every match. If, in the opinion of TMCC Match Commissioner after consulting with the referee, the colors of the two opposing teams clash or are confusing with Referees' kit or it is deemed necessary for television purpose, the colors must be changed.
- 12.10 The authorized trademark of the manufacturer shall be allowed to appear only once on the shirt, once on the shorts, and once on each sock. The trademark may be used alone as a logo or in combination with the name of the manufacturer but shall not exceed twenty (20) cm² on the shirt and twenty (20) cm² on the shorts and the socks. This requirement also applies to the goalkeepers' gloves.
- 12.11 The emblem of the team may be worn on the shirt once at the chest level, and the size of it shall not exceed 100 cm². The emblem of the team may also be worn on one of the legs of the shorts and/or one of its socks, and the size of it shall not exceed 50 cm².
- 12.12 The footballs used in the Competition shall be selected and supplied by the Host OA.
- 12.13 The footballs shall conform to the provisions of the Laws of the Game and bear one of the following three designations: the official 'FIFA APPROVED' logo, or the official 'FIFA INSPECTED' logo, or the reference 'INTERNATIONAL MATCH BALL STANDARD'.
- 12.14 No form of commercial advertising on the ball is permitted, except for the emblem of the Competition, the match name/venue/date and the authorized trademark of the manufacturer. The sizes of those logos and wordings will be specified by TMCC Secretariat.
- 12.15 Each team will receive a set number of official training balls from the Host OA after their completion of submission of the Entry Forms and the signed Teams Participation Agreement. Only these balls may be used for warm-up sessions in the official stadiums and for training activities at the official training grounds.
- 12.16 The Host OA will supply twelve (12) match balls to be utilized for each match. The number of the ball boys at the surrounding areas of the pitch during each match shall be fourteen (14).

Article 13: Starting List and Technical Area

- 13.1 All and only those 18 players from the Final List shall be named on the TMCC Players Selection List in which their playing status (starting, substitutes, not-playing and not-eligible) shall be indicated. At any time of the match, maximum of four (4) foreign players are allowed to play at the same time on the field.
- 13.2 Only those Officials from the Final List can be nominated on the List of Officials on bench. Among all Team Officials, Team Manager, Head Coach, Media Officer and Team Doctor of a team must be nominated to the List.
- 13.3 Both teams must return their Players Selection Lists that are signed by their Head Coaches and Officials on Bench Lists that are signed by their Team Managers to TMCC Match Commissioner on duty at latest ninety (90) minutes before the kick-off of each match.
- 13.4 TMCC Match Commissioner on duty will validate the selection list submitted by the teams and generate and sign off the starting list, at latest sixty (60) minutes before the kick-off of each match.
- 13.5 Match Commissioners on duty will check the accreditations cards before the kick-off of each match. Only those players and officials carrying out their personal TMCC accreditation cards can access the field of play, the dressing rooms and the mixed zone of the match stadium during a match.
- 13.6 After the Start List has been completed, signed and circulated, and if the match has not yet kicked off, no replacement is allowed except in the following cases:
 - a) If any of the first 11 players listed on the match sheet are not able to start the match due to unexpected physical incapacity, they may only be replaced by any of the substitutes listed on the Start List. The quota of substitute players is reduced accordingly for the match in question. During the match, five (5) players may still be substituted;
 - b) If any of the 7 substitutes listed on the match sheet cannot be fielded due to unexpected physical incapacity, they may not be replaced, which means that the quota of substitute players will be reduced accordingly for the match in question;
 - c) The team concerned must provide TMCC Match Commissioner on duty with the necessary medical certificates for such late replacement.
- 13.7 The number of a team's delegates allowed in the technical area during a match is a maximum of seven (7) players and a maximum of eight (8) team officials. All the players and Officials shall wear their accreditation cards all the time except during his warming-up or playing time. All individuals on the bench must wear kits with their colors contrasting with those of the outfield players and the Match Officials.
- 13.8 If some of the players come out of the dressing room later than the stipulated minutes of the Match Count-down or he has to rectify his equipment in the opinion of the Referee on duty, the match can be started without those players.
- 13.9 If a team begins a match with fewer than 11 players, only the players named in the starting line-up complete the 11 upon their arrival and/or re-check of equipment by the Referees on duty.
- 13.10 Not more than five (5) players may be substituted during a match, from all the remaining substitutes.
- 13.11 Maximum of four foreign (4) players are allowed to play at the same time on the field at any time of the match.

- 13.12 Any player substituted cannot re-enter the game.
- 13.13 During the match, substitutes are allowed to leave the technical area to warm up at the areas determined by the Match Commissioner (behind the first assistant referee or behind the advertising boards behind the goals). A maximum of six substitutes per team is allowed to warm up without balls (except goalkeepers) simultaneously behind the advertising boards behind the goals, accompanied by a maximum of two team officials. If the warm-up area is behind the first assistant referee, maximum three players per team are allowed to warm up without balls (except goalkeepers) simultaneously, accompanied by one team official.
- 13.14 During the match, players on the Starting List and Team Officials on the Bench List are not allowed access to any TV footage of the match, including via mobile phones or other portable electronic devices.
- 13.15 The use of any electronic communication system between players and/or technical staff, or between those on technical areas and beyond is not permitted.

Article 14: Refereeing, Match Commissioners and General Coordinators

- 14.1 One Referee, two Assistant Referees and one Fourth Official (hereinafter referred to collectively as Match Officials) for each match of the Competition shall be appointed by the Host OA.
- 14.2 All Match Officials shall be selected from Asian Football Confederation (hereinafter AFC) International Refereeing List in force.
- 14.3 Match Officials shall wear and use only those kit and equipment approved by TMCC Secretariat on behalf of TMCCOC on match days.
- 14.4 All refereeing equipment (including but not limited to one manual substitution panel, one electronic substitution board, two assistants' flags for each match) shall be provided by the Organizing Association. The manual substitution panel or the electronic substitution board shall be two-sided.
- 14.5 The Organizing Association shall provide the Match Officials with accesses to the training facilities (including Gyms at their Hotel and Teams' Training Grounds).
- 14.6 The Organizing Association shall provide a Referees' Liaison Officer. The Liaison Officers shall be fluent in English and are referees or former referees.
- 14.7 If a Referee of the match is prevented from carrying out his duties, such Referee shall be replaced by the Fourth Official of that match.
- 14.8 After each match, the Referee shall complete, sign and hand the official TMCC Referee's Report over to TMCC Match Commissioner on duty at the stadium immediately after the match. On the Report, the Referee shall note all occurrences, such as misconduct of players leading to caution or expulsion, unsporting behavior by supporters and/or by officials or any other person acting on behalf of an association at the match and any other incident happening before, during and after the match in as much as detail as possible.
- 14.9 The Organizing Association will select and appoint a Match Commissioner and a General Coordinator for the match in which the Organizing Association will be hosting. The roles of the Match Commissioners and the roles of the General Coordinators are as specified in these Regulations.
- 14.10 The Organizing Association shall arrange Assistant General Coordinators and liaison officers, as official representative of the Host to support the operations of and for the Match Commissioners

and General Coordinators.

- 14.11 The Organizing Association shall arrange dedicated sedans and mobile phones with sufficient credit local SIM cards for Match Commissioners and General Coordinators during their stay in the venue, exclusively for their official communications and transportation for the Competition.

Article 15: Disciplinary Matters

- 15.1 The PAs and its Team Delegation Members shall comply with TMCC regulations, directives, guidelines, circulars, decisions and other provisions in force. AFC Disciplinary Code and AFC Code of Ethics in force at the time the matches are played are applicable.
- 15.2 In addition, the Pas will enforce the participating team to agree in particular,
- a) to field their strongest teams with eligible players for each and every match of the Competition;
 - b) to educate their players and officials to respect the spirit of fair play and the authority of the match officials;
 - c) to educate their players and officials to fight against doping, match-fixing, discrimination or racism and not to bet on any match of the Competition; and
 - d) to educate its Delegation Members to refrain from violent or other disruptive behavior during the Competition, anywhere in the Host City including but not limited at the stadium, the training sites, the Teams hotels, the official vehicles and other venues of TMCC official activities.
- 15.3 Suspension of play due to yellow and/or red cards in Round 1 is as follows:
- a) A player who received two yellow cards or red card shall automatically be suspended for the match following the match in which he received the cautions;
 - b) a player who receives two yellow cards from two matches shall be suspended for the next match;
 - c) cautions and pending yellow/red cards suspensions from Round 1 expire at the end of Round 1.
- 15.4 Suspension of play due to yellow and/or red cards in Round 2 and 3 are as follows:
- a) A player who received two yellow cards or red card shall automatically be suspended for the match following the match in which he received the cautions;
 - b) cautions and pending yellow/red cards suspensions from the Competition expire at the end of the Competition.

Article 16: Protests

- 16.1 For the purpose of this Regulations, protests are objections of any kind related to events or matters that have a direct effect on matches organized in the Competition, including but not limited to the state of and marking on the pitch and/or its surroundings, accessory items, match equipment, eligibility of players, stadium installations and footballs, etc.
- 16.2 Protests regarding the state of the pitch, its surroundings, markings or accessory items (e.g.

goals, nets, flag posts, or football) shall be made first in writing to the referee before the start of the match by the Team Manager or Head of Delegation of the Team lodging the protest. If the pitch's playing surface becomes unplayable during a match, the captain of the protesting team shall immediately lodge a protest with the referee in the presence of the captain of the opposing team.

- 16.3 Protests against any incidents that occur during a match shall be made first directed to the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has been resumed.
- 16.4 The above-mentioned protests from Articles 16.2 and 16.3 of these Regulations shall be confirmed by, and any other protests shall first be submitted via, in writing to the TMCC Match Commissioner on duty at latest two (2) hours after the end of the match on question by the Team Manager or Head of Delegation and followed up immediately with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, to be sent within 24 hours after the end of the match in writing to the Organizing Association and TMCC Secretariat at the TMCC Headquarters Hotel in the host city.
- 16.5 No protests may be made against the Referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play. Such decisions made by the Referee on-duty are final and not subject to appeal, unless otherwise stipulated in the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
- 16.6 If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these Regulations is not met, such protest shall be disregarded by the competent body. Once the final match of the Competition has ended, any protests described in this article shall be disregarded.
- 16.7 If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the TMCC Secretariat on behalf of TMCCOC may impose a fine.

Article 17: Withdrawal, replacement and penalty for failing to play

- 17.1 All PAs undertake to play all of their matches in the Competition.
- 17.2 The punishment for a withdrawal is as follows:
 - a) if a PA withdraws not later than sixty (60) days before the start of the Competition, it shall be fined ten thousands US Dollars (US\$10,000/-);
 - b) if a PA withdraws less than sixty (60) days and not later than thirty (30) days before the start of the Competition, it shall be fined twenty thousand US Dollars (US\$20,000/-);
 - c) any PA that withdraw less than thirty (30) days before the start of the Competition, or during the Competition itself, shall be fined between a minimum of fifty thousand to one hundred thousand US Dollars (US\$ 50,000 - US\$100,000);
 - d) depending on circumstances and the decision of the TMCC Secretariat on behalf of TMCCOC, any PA which withdraws may be ordered to reimburse TMCC Secretariat and the Organizing Association for any expenses already incurred as a result of its involvement in the Competition, and may also be obliged to pay compensation for any damages or losses incurred.
- 17.3 In case of one of the team withdraws or is excluded from taking part in the Competition, the PA must delegate the runner up team in its national league for the year 2015. In case of the first runner up is not available, the second runner up of the will be qualified to the Competition.
- 17.4 The TMCC Secretariat on behalf of TMCCOC will decide on the matters of replacement that

cannot be resolved after applying the above Article 17.3 at its sole discretion. No appeals may be lodged against these decisions. Furthermore, the guilty association will forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from TMCC Secretariat on behalf of TMCCOC.

17.5 Failing to play refers to one of the following cases:

- a) a team does not report for a match - except in cases of force majeure recognized by the TMCCOC;
- b) a team refuses to continue to play or leaves the stadium before the end of a match; or
- c) a match cannot take place or be played in its entirety due to the fault of a PA.

17.6 The penalty for failing to play is as follows:

- a) the guilty team will be considered as having lost. The match and three points will be awarded to its opponents with a score of 3-0 or more if, in the case of an abandoned match, the winning team has already reached a higher score at the time the guilty team leaves the field or refuses to continue to play;
- b) the guilty association or the team shall pay compensation for any damages or losses suffered by the other association(s), teams, the Organizing Association and TMCCOC. Furthermore, the guilty association will forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from TMCC Secretariat;
- c) the TMCC Secretariat shall determine the amount of damages for financial loss upon receipt of a substantiated and documented request from the Organizing Association;
- d) no appeals may be lodged against decisions stated in this article.

17.7 In case of the withdrawal and failing to play caused by force majeure, the TMCCOC shall take whatever actions are deemed necessary.

Article 18: Cancellation

18.1 If a Match cannot commence on time due to Force Majeure, the pitch not being fit for play, weather conditions, floodlight failure, serious security risks or any other reason except for that set out in Article 17 of this Regulation, the following procedure shall be followed:

- a) the Match may be delayed for a period of thirty (30) minutes. During this delay, the Referee may decide that the Match can commence prior to the completion of the delay;
- b) following the first delay, an additional delay of thirty (30) minutes may occur if in the discretion of the Referee this second delay may allow the Match to commence; the Referee may decide that the Match can commence prior to the completion of the second delay. Another option is that the Match may be declared cancelled by the Referee without a second delay, if the Referee consider the situation would not be improved for a re-start after the second delay;
- c) following two (2) delays of thirty (30) minutes, the Referee must declare the Match cancelled;
- d) within two (2) hours of the decision to cancel the Match, the TMCCOC must decide, taking all sporting and organizational considerations into account, whether the Match can be rescheduled, or whether any other action and decision is needed to continue with the Competition. Any disciplinary sanctions resulting from the cancelled Match shall remain in

force.

e) Rule in the Laws of the Game will be applied for rescheduled match.

18.2 TMCCOC decisions made pursuant to Article 19.1.1 of these Regulations are final, binding and not appealable.

Article 19: Abandonment

19.1 If a Match is stopped by the Referee before the end of the normal playing time due to Force Majeure, the pitch not being fit for play, weather condition, floodlight failure, or any other reason except for that set out in Article 18 of these Regulations, the following procedure shall be followed:

- a) the Match is stopped for thirty (30) minutes. During this stoppage, the Referee may decide that the Match can commence prior to the completion of the stoppage;
- b) subsequent to the first stoppage, an additional stoppage of thirty (30) minutes shall occur if in the discretion of the Referee this second delay may allow the Match to commence; or the Match is declared abandoned by the Referee;
- c) following two (2) stoppages of thirty (30) minutes, the Referee must declare the Match abandoned;
- d) within two (2) hours of the decision to abandon the Match, the TMCCOC must decide, taking all sporting and organizational considerations into account, whether the Match result at the time of abandonment is valid, whether the Match can be rescheduled and completed, or whether any other action and decision is needed to continue with the Competition.

e) Rule in the Laws of the Game will be applied for rescheduled match.

19.2 Should TMCCOC, pursuant to Article 19.1 of this Regulation, determine that an abandoned Match should be rescheduled and completed, the Match shall recommence with the same score, with the same participating players and substitutes and with the same quote of substitution left as at the minute when the play was interrupted. Any sanctions imposed before the Match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the rescheduled Match.

19.3 The kick-off time, date, stadium of the rescheduled Match and any other matters not set out above shall be decided by TMCC Secretariat on behalf of TMCCOC in its sole discretion.

19.4 If a Match is stopped by the Referee before the end of normal playing time as a result of a participating team being able to only field fewer than seven (7) participating players, the Match shall be declared abandoned and the participating team who is able to field more than seven (7) participating players shall be declared the winner by the score 3-0, or the scorer at the time of abandonment, whichever is higher.

19.5 TMCCOC decisions made pursuant to the Articles of 19.1.d, 19.2, 19.3 and 19.4 of this Regulation are final, binding and not appealable.

Article 20: Medical and Doping

20.1 In order to prevent players from experiencing sudden cardiac death during matches at the Competition, and to protect players' health, each PA and the team shall be responsible to ensure each of its players pass a pre-competition medical assessment by a reputed sports doctor or hospital designated by the PA, prior to the start of the Competition. The PAs shall provide this

certificate to TMCC Secretariat as one of its final registration documents.

- 20.2 The PAs must pay for any and all costs of hospitalization, surgical operation and specialized investigative procedures for all members of its delegation that take place before, during and after the Competition.
- 20.3 The Organizing Association must provide, at its own cost, the following medical facilities and service as follows:
- a) a full-staffed and equipped medical room, two ambulances and two set of stretch bearers of four staff each located in close proximity to team's dressing rooms/field of play, with each of them fully equipped with emergency medical supplies, from 2 hours before till 1 hour after each and every match; each of the ambulances shall have dedicated driver(s), trained medical staff and emergency medical suppliers;
 - b) an ambulance with dedicated driver(s), trained medical staff and emergency medical suppliers at each of the training grounds, an half hour before and an half hour after each and every training session; and
 - c) full-staff medical rooms, at the stadium spectators areas, with proper equipment, emergency medical suppliers and trained medical staff, from 2 hours before till 1 hour after each and every match.
- 20.4 Doping is prohibited.
- 20.5 TMCC Secretariat on behalf of TMCCOC shall reserve the right to carry out the doping test in the Competition.
- 20.6 If doping tests are to be carried out, it shall be done in accordance with the procedures of doping regulations of FIFA.
- 20.7 Failure to comply with the aforementioned provisions or failure to pass the doping tests shall be sanctioned by TMCC Disciplinary Committee in accordance with TMCC regulation, directives, circulars, guidelines, decisions as well as FIFA Disciplinary Code.

Article 21: Safety and Security

- 21.1 The Organizing Association shall be responsible for ensuring that order and safety is maintained in cooperation with the governments of the Host Country and the Host City, particularly in and around the stadiums, the training grounds, the official hotels and during the transit between the venues of the Competition. It shall take adequate measures to prevent and avoid outbreaks of violence and/or disorder.
- 21.2 The Organizing Association shall provide for the match stadiums with the traffic and parking management, the security and access control at the perimeters, fire management, crisis management, crowd and public safety management. To achieve this, the Organizing Association shall provide a sufficient number of experienced and well-trained ground staff and security stewards and establish an efficient and effective communication, control and command system.
- 21.3 The Organizing Association shall design and implement zone management via the accreditation cards and supplementary devices, with approval from TMCC Secretariat on behalf of TMCCOC. The critical zones are, but not limited to the field of play, the dressing room, the VIP tribute, the VVIP tribute and lounge, the media tribute, the press conference room, the photographers positions and the host broadcasters operation positions surrounding the pitch. The Organizing Association shall organize sufficient and well-trained staff for the access control of the various zones from two (2) hours prior to till one (1) hour after each and every match.

- 21.4 The Organizing Association shall be responsible for preventing spectators, no-accredited person or persons with accreditation but no access rights to the pitch (including but not limited to journalists, photographers, television and radio commentators and accredited film and television crews) from entering the pitch at any time before, during or after the match. Only a limited number of photographers and the television personnel required to operate the broadcasting equipment, all of them issued with special accreditation, may be admitted to the area between the boundaries of the field and the spectators.

Article 22: Communications and marketing

- 22.1 In term of media and marketing matters, the TMCCOC own all rights to the Competition.
- 22.2 Commercial and non-commercial promotional activities related to the Competition may be conducted by the Organizing Association, the PAs and other parties involved, given that reports are sent to TMCC Secretariat for future reference.

Article 23: Ticketing

- 23.1 The Host Organizing Association, in consultation with TMCC Secretariat, governs all aspects of the design, allocation, sale and distribution of Competition tickets (whether alone or as part of a package, whether purchasable or complimentary), including but not limited to quotas, production, prices, methods of distribution and sales conditions and channels.
- 23.2 TMCC Secretariat, each PA and team is entitled to complimentary and purchasable tickets for its matches. Each PA and team will be provided with one (1) VIP Complimentary Ticket and 10 Category 1 tickets. The number of tickets provided to the TMCC Secretariat will be discussed and decided between the Host OA and TMCC Secretariat.
- 23.3 The front page of the tickets will be designed by TMCC Secretariat to ensure consistency and unity of the tournament. The Back side of the tickets will be designed by each PAs based on the rules of each countries.

Article 24: Financial provisions

- 24.1 The PAs shall be responsible for:
- a) concluding adequate health, medical, accident, property and travel insurance cover for all the members of its delegation and any other persons carrying out duties on their behalf, for the entire duration of the Competition, from the moment they leave for the host country and/or the host city until the time of their return to their home country or home towns;
 - b) paying for incidental expenses incurred by its delegation members during their stays for the Competition;
 - c) paying for any costs (including but not limited to international and local travel and transport, food and beverage, board and lodging, tickets) incurred by additional members of the delegation in excess of the TMCC quota. The TMCC-pay quota for a team is a maximum of eighteen (18) players and a maximum of six (6) officials; and
 - d) any expenses and costs incurred by a PA and or team other than those mentioned in this Regulation.
- 24.2 The Organizing Association shall provide the PAs with as follows:

- a) accommodation in a proper hotel for players and officials not exceeding twenty four (24) persons per team. Nine (9) twin bedrooms for the players, and maximum of eight (8) single rooms for the team officials and one (1) room for equipment and one (1) room for medical purpose, from two (2) days before the team's match on the agreed date to one (1) day after the match;
- b) suitable meals, three times a day and additional light meals on match days;
- c) laundry service of the players and officials of each Participating team for the match kits and one set of training kit per day from two (2) days prior to the agreed match day until the day of the match;
- d) meeting room in the Team's hotel for each team, of a capacity of twenty four (24) persons, at required hours per day;
- e) local transportation for training, matches, official functions and other occasions requested by Participating teams ; and
- f) a liaison officer proficient in English and the language of the participating team for each team.

24.4 The Organizing Association shall provide TMCC delegates (including its match officials) with:

- a) full board and lodging in a first class hotel;
- b) local transportation for two days before of the agreed match day to a day after the match day according to TMCC specification;
- c) reasonable laundry service that will be specified by TMCCOC;
- d) a daily allowance of 100 USD/ per person to each match official;
- e) Incidental fee of 100 USD / per person paid once for the whole competition;
- f) free first aid will be provided during the competition, including hospitalization benefits during the duration of the Final;
- g) income tax and other levies and charges waivers for TMCC and TMCC officials and employees; and
- h) liaison officials for TMCC match officials according to TMCC specification.

24.5 The Organizing Association shall ensure full insurance coverage (including third-party liability and property damage) for the matches over:

- a) the risks connected with the Organizing Association and its members, employees, volunteers and any other persons involved in the organization and staging of the Competition with the exception of the Team delegation Members (cf. Article 24.1 of these Regulations);
- b) the risks of spectator accidents or deaths at the stadium during a match; and
- c) the remaining risks, including cancellation risk - especially those of the Organizing Association.

24.6 The third-party liability policy mentioned in Article 24.4 of these Regulations must include an appropriate guaranteed sum for damage/injury for all occurrences (not excluding bad weather, force majeure and terrorism) to persons, objects, property, and for pure financial economic losses, and it must correspond to the specific circumstances of the

associations concerned.

24.7 TMCCOC shall bear the following expenses:

- a) air travel for up to twenty four (24) people from each participating team, between the capital of the PA and the host city in the respective countries;
- b) air travel and for Match Officials including Referees and Match Commissioners ;
- c) prize money for the teams ; the amount of which will be as follows;
 - i. Champion: 75,000 USD
 - ii. Runner-up: 50,000USD
 - iii. 3rd Place: 30,000USD
 - iv. 4th Place: 10,000USD
 - v. 5th Place: 5,000USD
- d) Individual Prize money;
- e) doping control expenses, if applicable.

24.8 The amounts paid by TMCCOC to the PAs and the Organizing Association are gross amounts. As such, the PAs and the Organizing Association shall cover any and all taxes, levies and charges.

24.9 Legal claims for damages against TMCCOC are expressly prohibited and all PAs, all Participating Teams and its delegates, the Organizing Association and anyone from the Organizing Association agree to hold TMCCOC harmless from any and all claims for liability, which may arise in relation to the Competition. In any case, TMCCOC may request anyone involved to provide, free of charge, written releases of liability and/or hold harmless agreements, and/or confirmation and/or copies of the policies concerned in TMCCOC's official language - English.

Article 25: Protocol

- 25.1** During the Competition, team flags shall be flown at and clearly visible from the VIP tribute, at the stadium on the match day.
- 25.2** At the march-in ceremony of each match, the flags of the two teams who are competing against each other shall be marched in first affront of the match officials and the teams.
- 25.3** The match countdown shall be proposed by TMCC Secretariat and discussed and agreed at the match coordination meeting. Once it is finalized, it shall be observed by all Parties concerned, including but not least, the Organizing Association and the teams, the Match Officials, the stadium management, the media, the security and the medical teams. TMCC General Coordinator may make final tune-in of the Countdown according to the specific circumstance and each party shall cooperate with that changes.
- 25.4** At all matches in the competition, the players are invited to shake hands with their opponents and the referees after the line-up ceremony as well as after the final whistle, as a gesture of fair play.

Article 26: Trophy, medals and awards

- 26.1** TMCCOC will present the TMCC Winner with the TMCC Trophy, a certificate of Merit and medals.
- 26.2** TMCCOC will present the Runner up team with medals and Certificate of Merit.

26.3 TMCCOC will present rest of the teams with a Certificate of Merit.

Article 27: Official report forms

- 27.1 Referee's Report shall be completed by the referee (including cases and reasons for cautions, expulsions and serious incidents, if any), double checked with Match Commissioner within four hours after the match.
- 27.2 The Official Match Report shall be completed by the Organizing Association after consultation with TMCC General Coordinator on duty within twelve hours after the match.
- 27.3 The Match Commissioner Report (including the Match Data Sheet, Match Results, Cases and serious incidents, if any) shall be completed by the Match Commissioner within twelve hours after the match.
- 27.4 All reports must be completed within the given time period to the Host Organizing Association of the matches and must be sent to the AFC copied to TMCC Secretariat by the Host Organizing Association.
- 27.5 Financial statement form showing the gross receipts and the amount deducted for government or municipal taxes must be sent by the Organizing Association to FIFA, AFC and TMCC Secretariat duly completed within thirty (30) days after the match. The Organizing Association shall pay the levies due to FIFA and AFC within sixty (60) days after the Competition.

Article 28: Disputes resolution

- 28.1 The institutions (an PA, the team or the Organizing Association) or their employees, their commercial or media partners, or any persons or parties who carry on a duty on behalf of them, are forbidden from taking disputes relating to this Regulations or preparations for, participating in or staging of the Competition, to a civil court but may only submit them to the appropriate body of TMCC in accordance with the applicable procedure.
- 28.2 Any disputes involving TMCCOC, the PAs, teams and its delegates (including the players and officials), commercial and media partners, the Organizing Association, etc. in connection with the Competition shall be promptly settled by negotiation.
- 28.3 TMCCOC may appoint an independent panel or officer(s) acting as its Appeals Committee for the Competition.
- 28.4 If no solution can be reached via negotiation, or a formal appeal is envisaged, the issue shall be exclusively resolved via the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) with headquarters in Lausanne.
- 28.5 Arbitration of the CAS and all the relevant CAS regulations shall apply. The language of arbitration is English.

Article 29: Closing provisions

- 29.1 The TMCC Secretariat on behalf of TMCCOC is entrusted with the operational management of the competition and is therefore entitled to take the decisions and adopt detailed provisions and guidelines necessary for implementing this regulation. Those decisions and guidelines shall form an integral part of this Regulation and will have a binding effect on each of the PA, the teams, the Organizing Association, any party involved in participating in, preparations for and

staging of the Competition.

- 29.2 Matters not provided for in this regulation and cases of force majeure shall be decided by the TMCCOC or TMCC Secretariat.
- 29.3 In the case of any discrepancy between this Regulation and any other documents, the text of these Regulations shall prevail.
- 29.4 Any breach of these Regulations and those implementing provisions and instructions may be penalized by TMCCOC.